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FOR: MUTATED 5-ENOL PYRUVYLSHIKIMATE- :

3-PHOSPHATE SYNTHASE, GENE CODING

FOR SAID PROTEIN AND TRANSFORMED

PLANTS CONTAINING SAID GENE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

(SECOND) Preliminary Amendment

Before action on the merits, please further amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 19-29.

Please add claims 30-35:

30. DNA encoding a mutated 5-enol pyruvylshikimate-3phosphate synthase, the DNA having the sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 4.

- 31. A vector comprising the DNA as claimed in claim 30.
- 32. A plant cell which contains the DNA as claimed in claim 30.